

ACE BRIAN R
Form 4
January 18, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ACE BRIAN R

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
COMMUNITY BANK SYSTEM
INC [CBU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

R.R. #1, BOX 1550

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

LACEYVILLE, PA 18623

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					18,335 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock					121 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Spouse
Common Stock					16,457 ⁽²⁾	I	By Laceyville Hardware SEP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and An Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option	\$ 18.09	01/16/2008		A		5,457		01/16/2008	01/16/2018	Common Stock
Phantom Stock (Stock Balance Plan)	(3)	01/16/2008		A		520.29		(3)	(3)	Common Stock
Deferred Stock (Deferred Compensation)	(4)	01/16/2008		A		2,227.78		(4)	(4)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ACE BRIAN R R.R. #1, BOX 1550 LACEYVILLE, PA 18623		X		

Signatures

Donna J. Drengel, as attorney-in-fact, pursuant to a power of attorney for Brian R.
Ace

01/18/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Includes one share acquired on October 10, 2007 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

(2) Includes 167 shares acquired on October 10, 2007 under the Community Bank System, Inc. Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

Each phantom stock unit is the economic equivalent of one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Phantom Stock (Stock
(3) Balance Plan) may be settled upon the later of the reporting person's attainment of age 55 or termination of service on Community Bank
System, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

(4)

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Each deferred stock unit entitles the reporting person to receive one share of Community Bank System, Inc. common stock. Awards relating to the deferred stock units (Deferred Comp. Plan) may be settled upon the reporting person's attainment of age 55.

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